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1. The Movimento de Auxilio a Tribuna Popular (Aid for Tribuna Popular Movement; MATP) is reported to be spreading all over Brazil; however, inasmuch as the Tribuna Popular is a Rio de Janeiro newspaper, the MATP exists in other localities under different names.
2. The original intention of its founders was to avoid unnecessary contact with the Partido Comunista Brasileiro (Communist Party of Brazil; PCB) in order not to arouse the suspicions of the public and of the police. After conducting their campaign for two months, the directors have decided that they cannot operate completely independently of the PCB. Consequently, Joao Massena, Secretary of the Metropolitan Committee and member of the National Committee of the PCB, was asked to obtain the cooperation of the Party units and "fronts" on behalf of the MATP. Massena agreed to support this movement, although he believes that it is most important for the MATP to have a wide scope, which cannot be gained if it becomes apparent to the public that there is a close connection between it and the PCB. Furthermore, Massena reportedly believes that close cooperation might be difficult to achieve since all Communist organizations at present are busy working out a system of subdividing cells which they do not want to be connected publicly with the PCB.
3. The present situation within the Central Coordinating Commission (CCC) of the MATP is very uncertain because of internal disputes of the Directorate Roberto Faller Sisson, who was placed in charge of organizing the CCC and elaborating the plans developed, is at odds with other elements in the Directorate, the following in particular:

Eugenia Alvaro Moreira, Secretary of Committee of Activities and Festivals;
 Euzen Cavalcanti, Secretary of the Finance Committee; and
 Otavio Brandao, a Vice President.

The last named is against Sisson's ideas regarding rapid operations and favors rather making organization a long-term project. There has been considerable discussion to the effect that it might be worthwhile to dissolve the present CCC and reorganize it completely with personnel who could operate with greater harmony.

4. As of 25 July, fifty-seven Commissions of Aid had already been organized in accordance with the instructions of the CCC. The CCC had prepared a list of

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122 places and businesses in the Federal District where local Coordinating Commissions should be set up immediately in connection with the Organization Committee of the CCC.

5. A booklet written by the CCC entitled "Basis of Organization" contains an "Appeal to the People," which states that Brazil is heading swiftly toward a catastrophic political and economic impasse. On the one hand, it claims, misery and hunger are spreading daily, and, on the other, the reactionary forces violently turn to nothing each new conquest of the people. It is because of such conditions that a "free press," not subservient to the coffers of the enemies of democracy, "is important, and that the Tribuna Popular, "mouthpiece" of the people and "fearless defender of the most sacred national interests," must be assured of complete financial independence. The CCC in this booklet makes an appeal to all friends of the Tribuna Popular that:
 - a. They organize "under the most varied names and forms, in accordance with the individual circumstances, commissions, committees, groups, nuclei, clubs, associations, and societies of aid to the Tribuna Popular, after the manner of commissions already in existence," all of which may be registered in the office of the CCC at Rua Sao Jose, 96, First Floor;
 - b. They "sponsor public and private festivals, dances, lectures, teas, bridge parties, gatherings (both public and restricted), picnics, dramatizations, puppet-shows, etc., for the benefit of the Tribuna Popular;" and
 - c. "All organizations of aid may sponsor raffles; circulate lists for contributions; establish by agreement with members and friends fixed monthly dues; obtain new subscribers and representatives; take over responsibility for distribution and large-scale local sales; study means for collaborating with management of Tribuna Popular with pertinent press notices on the CCC counter-offensive, appeals and complaints from various localities, together with suggestions and constructive criticisms."
6. On 25 July 1947, Pedro Pomar, director of the Tribuna Popular, advised the CCC of the MATP that, unless the number of subscriptions for aid to that paper was substantially increased by 31 July 1947, the CCC would have to close, for the donations had fallen far short of expectations. Roberto Faller Sisson, the Secretary General of the CCC, promised to raise the sum of Cr\$40,000.00 (approximately \$2,000 US) by the above date in order to cover the monthly deficit existing on the books of the Tribuna Popular.
7. The CCC has 138 contributing members who donate Cr\$3.923,00 (approximately \$195 US) monthly, and it is possible that it may be able to secure more members. At the same time, however, the contributions which were solicited by circulating lists have been steadily declining, since those persons who formerly contributed by pledges are now confining their donations to a flat sum, which averages less than the amount pledged.
8. Now that the MATP campaign is running into difficulties, the PCB is said to be looking around for another cover for its underground operations.

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